

get as much in it as we can and get it over with because it is obvious additional kill motions, additional attempts to gut it by amendment are working. I voted for every one of them. I've done my part. Now it's my job to do my part for my district and get as much as I can for the entire school system, and that is to change the system. I think this is an opportunity to do it since this puppy is going to pass.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I appreciate Senator DeCamp's optimism and his kind remarks about this bill going to pass. I do not know that this bill is going to pass. This bill has been working with 24, 25, and 26 votes consistently for the last 2 months. But the amendment that Senator DeCamp is offering is one that I'm going to oppose. I'm going to oppose it because Senator DeCamp says we need to provide even more financing to schools through the state sales and income taxes than the bill as currently amended contemplates. Now I feel that the bill, right this moment, is in very responsible form. It is a bill that you and I can basically take some pride in. I think we are at a moment of history. I think if we were to commit another \$30, \$40, \$50 million of state money to the finance of public education in 1989 we would begin the process of mortgaging the future. I don't think we should act unrealistically. I don't think we should act in a way that would be irresponsible to future legislatures. So I think that we ought to reject Senator DeCamp's amendment. I would ask you to do that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would also encourage you to reject the amendment. I think it is really putting the squeeze on the Legislature. Not only are we upping it from 45 to 40, curious way to say upping it I guess, but that is what we are doing, but then he's cutting down on the time period. If we are talking about the '86-87 school year basically we need to get this done next year, this year or next year. If we are talking about 40 percent, you know we're talking about big, big dollars in a two-year time period. I think that I guess we are getting repetitive with the whole debate. But I think I could just repeat what I indicated earlier, that I think the only realistic goal for the Legislature is the one